

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that would allow mechanical dredging of Lake Louisa in Louisa, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **August 13, 2015 to September 17, 2015** at 5:00 p.m.

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Blue Ridge Property Owners Association; 924 South Lakeshore Drive, Louisa, Virginia 23093; VWPP No. 14-1811

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Blue Ridge Property Owners Association has applied for a new permit for the Blue Ridge Shores Dredging Project (Lake Louisa). The permit would allow the applicant to mechanically dredge 12.78 acres (556,515 square feet) of non-tidal surface waters to remove accumulated silt and maintain navigation. The proposed activity would affect 12.78 acres of open water and 0.013 acre of isolated palustrine wetland of minimal ecological value located within the upland disposal site. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Lake Louisa and Hickory Creek in the York River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. Compensation for this activity would not be required as the project is to maintain the current uses of Lake Louisa. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Allison Hill; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3909; E-mail: [Allison.Hill@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Allison.Hill@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.